GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1035
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CORRUPTION IN APPOINTMENT OF NOTARIES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of corruption in appointments of the Central Notary Public have come to the notice of the Government

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; (

(c) the steps taken by the Government to uproot the corruption;

(d) the number of candidates applied and appointed Notary Public in various States during the last onei year State wise;

(e) whether the number of Notaries aK` inadequate in some states;and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of notaries in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ)

(a) No, Sir;

(b)& (c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question;

(d) The statement showing the number of candidates applied and appointed Notary Public (state wise) during the last one year is placed as Annexure;

(e) &(f)The maximum number of Notaries to be appointed by the following State Governments have been increased by amending the Scheduled to the Notaries Rules, 1956, on requests received from them and also keeping in view the increase in commercial activities:-

Andhra Pradesh
Gujarat
Kerala
MadhyaPradesh
TamilNadu
Maharashtra
Karnataka
Rajasthan
UttarPradesh
Chhattisgarh.

The maximum number of Notaries to be appointed by the Central Government have also been increased in respect of States of Punjab & Haryana, NCT of Delhi and UT of Chandigarh.